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# Maggie Brooks

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS RE-OPENS RENOVATED NATURE CENTER**

**County Partners with Heritage Christian Services and Wild Wings, Inc.  
to enhance facility in Mendon Ponds Park**

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks, joined by representatives from Heritage Christian Services and Wild Wings, Inc., today held a ribbon cutting ceremony to re-open the newly renovated Nature Center in Mendon Ponds Park. The Nature Center, located on the corner of Pond Road and Clover Street in the Town of Mendon, includes the existing historic home as well as a renovated gift shop and a newly constructed building, which houses birds of prey.

*“Because of this public-private partnership, we are able to re-open the Nature Center and provide exciting educational opportunities to the community, at no cost to County taxpayers,”* said Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks**. *“The Nature Center will provide an interactive and unique experience for learning and exploration, for all ages.”*

The Nature Center, which has provided educational opportunities for Monroe County residents for over 35 years, was closed in 2002 due to budget constraints. County Executive Maggie Brooks led efforts to develop a community partnership with Heritage Christian Services and Wild Wings, Inc. in order to preserve this valuable community resource and re-open it to the public at no cost to County taxpayers.

Thanks to funding from Senator Jim Alesi and Wild Wings, Inc., the birds of prey building was built to house predatory birds that are sick or injured and cannot be returned to the wild.

As part of the agreement, Heritage Christian Services and Wild Wings, Inc. staff will provide educational programming and services, and the Center will be open daily to the public.

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